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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 12, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

### I) Opening Remarks

- A) Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:50 pm with a greeting to all and a reminder to raise your hand if one wishes to speak.

### II) Chairperson's Report

- A) 3/9: Bronx Net Rhina Valentine Show Women's Empowerment Summit 3/24.
- B) 3/18: Funeral Bronx Teen.
- C) 3/19: Bronx Net Bobby Lee Vets Event.
- D) 3/20: GB Chair asked Elected to support no Shelters with substance abuse issues in highly congested drug areas.
- E) 3/22: BBP Borough Meeting.
- F) 3/24: WE Summit success coverage commendation plaques to mentors and DM and Cole.
- G) 3/26: By Laws.
- H) 3/27: Women in NYC Negotiating the Competitive Landscape Conference.
- I) 3/29: DOE Pre K came to CB7 office for Parents to register.
  - 1) Chair brought one parent with twins. None other showed up.
- J) 4/3: Fordham Landing Shelter visit.
  - 1) Women's Shelter E 193 St.
- K) Staff meeting 2 pm.
- L) Public Safety Forum Espailat – Asked for date drugs and prostitution will be taken out of E 198.
- M) 4/4: NCB CAB meeting, Education Committee meeting, Charter School "I Learn".
- N) 4/5: MYC career Fair.
- O) 4/9: By Laws. Term Limits should be an option.
- P) Personnel: Chair will get reimbursed for carfare.
- Q) 4/10: RT Senior Appreciation Day.
- R) Lehman College Wash DC Mr. King Jr Presentation
- S) 4/11: Visited NJ Charter School I learn with 2 members.
- T) CFP meeting – Shared CB 8 disapproval of design of bridge.
- U) 4/12: A.m. meeting with Council Members Ritchie Torres, Andrew Cohen and Fernando Cabrera.
- V) Missed DSCAB.

### III) District Managers Report

- A) Met with City planning to discuss Community Board specific data that can help the Community Board perform at a much greater level for the Residents (In progress).



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- 1) <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/bronx/7>.
- B) We partnered with the Department of Education to do outreach and recruitment for Pre-k students in our area on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- C) North Central Hospital's doctors are having a difficult time with parking in the area.
  - 1) I am currently helping to find potential partners in health care to assist.
- D) Update – the building on 2681-2691 Marion Avenue is fully operational.
- E) The Post Graduate Center for Mental Health has 99 apartments to service the following populations:
  - 1) 50 supported Studio Apartments for Mental Illness.
  - 2) 15 supported 2-bedroom apartments for eligible families in which the head of house hold has a serious mental illness and referred by DHS.
  - 3) 9 community studio apartments for individuals with 60% AMI.
  - 4) 25 two-bedroom apartments for community families below 60% AMI (preference for eligible veterans).
- F) We toured the Fordham Landing shelter and affordable housing facility.
  - 1) The shelter portion seems to be fully equipped with services to help their residents.
  - 2) The affordable housing is semi-furnished.
  - 3) They have on-site: a computer room, a recreational space and around the clock security.
  - 4) I will do my best to attend their CAB meetings to stay up to date with the facility.
- G) A siting for a new shelter within CB 7-244 East 198<sup>th</sup> Street.
- H) District Service Cabinet Meeting (DSC)
  - 1) Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
    - (a) I requested from DHS a full list of all Supportive Housing Locations and any potential siting's.
  - 2) Dept. of Transportation (DOT)
    - (a) Missing ASP Signage – 415 East 204<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - (b) No Standing Anytime Signage Request – Around the "Islands" Near the Margaret Mack Triangle, Across From Tracey Towers; West Mosholu Parkway South & Jerome Ave.
    - (c) ASP/No Parking Sign Was Shifted About 10 Feet from Original Location – 3463 Putnam Place.
    - (d) Sidewalk Repair Request – Across From Tracey Towers, Near/In Front of the Bx1, 2 & 28.
    - (e) We agreed to do a walk-through to identify sites.



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- 3) Dept. of Buildings (DOB)
  - (a) Parkside Project has been denied by DOB based on the plans submitted.
  - (b) DOB provides Homeowner services on Thursdays from 2-7pm @ 193 Arthur Ave.
  - (c) DOB rep, agreed to attend all meetings relating to new development at Housing Committee meetings.

4) Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)



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- (a) April is mosquito season- be mindful of standing water
  - i. <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/west-nile-virus-community.page>.

I) Elected Officials report

- 1) Bronx Borough President
  - (a) SAVE THE DATE: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018-Zoning/Land Use Workshop (formal invite to follow).
  - (b) SAVE THE DATE: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Community Board Appreciation Ceremony (formal invite to follow).
- 2) Council Member- Ritchie Torres
  - (a) Honored seniors in his Council District at the Botanical Gardens (Senior Appreciation Day).
- 3) Council Member Cabrera
  - (a) Discussed bringing a pop-up oath clinic (for summons, tickets etc.)
- 4) Human Rights Commission
  - (a) Mobile Clinic on Protections- Lawful Source of Income (April 18, 2018).
- 5) Transit District 11
  - (a) Fordham Stations is getting more police coverage.
  - (b) Meet and Greet- June 6, 2018 at the 161<sup>st</sup> D and \$ train station (flyer available).

J) Attended the Bronx Borough Presidents- Homelessness RoundTable discussion

- 1) Panelist included: DHS Commissioner Mr. Banks
- 2) I asked the following questions:



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- (a) Can we have Bronx data that includes the overall number of those in the shelter system? And those that have been placed?
- (b) Can we have a role in the selection of the Non-profit that will be selected to manage the shelter?
- (c) How many of the 90 shelters projected to open within the 5 boroughs will in the Bronx? Of which how many will be family, men or women's shelter? How many of these will be coming to the borough based on this need?
- (d) How many do we currently have? Will those shelters be taken into consideration as the 90 shelters get identified?

III) Treasurer's Report No Report

IV) Committee Reports

A) Budget

- 1) Andrew Laiosa noted the request for a leave of absence from a Board member.
- 2) It is also expected that there will be an excess of \$44,000 in the budget.
  - (a) Some recommendations for future expenditures were mentioned ie:  
New telephones to replace the obsolete ones in use presently.
  - (b) Repair of the Tower clock at the 52<sup>nd</sup> precinct.
  - (c) \$ 500 for Board tote bags.
  - (d) \$ 1,000 for dog signs.
    - i. Andrew would like to have all requests around the middle of May with amounts requested and the names of city vendors.

B) Community Relations

- 1) Lorita Watson had no scheduled meeting but reported on the presentation on the visioning of Mosholu Parkway at the last meeting.
  - (a) It was recommended that the Committee meet with the Parks Committee since there was so much input from community residents at Parks Committee meetings about Mosholu Parkway.
  - (b) The Committee is seeking more involvement by the community.

C) Economic Development

- 1) Tiffany reported on the plans from the Director from MPC who presented plans for community involvement describing activities planned moving forward.
- 2) A representative from the Merchants Association gave a report on business in the neighborhood.



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- 3) The NYC Comptroller has resources to help small business owners and has held several seminars for that purpose.
  - (a) The goal is to bring stake holders together and direct people where to go for support services.
- D) Education, Youth & Libraries
  - 1) Although the Committee Chair was present, Adaline gave the report.
  - 2) Her report was about the Charter School from NJ who wished to open a school in the Bronx and wants a letter of support.
    - (a) The Committee recommended three sites.
      - i. Sam's Carpet, St. Ann's School and the space on Sedgwick Avenue.
  - 3) Adaline visited the NJ site with 2 Board members and spoke highly of what she saw.
  - 4) The Executive Committee would like more information on the location of the school and the grade level before lending support.
- E) Environment – No Report
- F) Health – No report
- G) Housing, Land Use & Zoning
  - 1) Jean Hill reported on the presentation by a developer who will be constructing 2 buildings, one on Marion Avenue and one on Creston Avenue.
    - (a) Jean described the details of the buildings and distributed a copy of the plans for all to review.
  - 2) A motion was made to send a letter of support which includes wording that the project will be used as stated with no changes.
  - 3) **Motion(s):**
    - (a) To provide a letter of support to the NFW Group for their two proposed buildings at 2997 Marion Avenue (18 units) and 2861 Creston Avenue (25 units). As presented, these are community apartments with a target income range of 70%-95% of AMI (area median income) and the developer is seeking Article 11 real estate tax abatement for the project, provided the developer, NFW group, follows through on his proposal, as presented to the housing committee on April 10.
      - i. The motion was approved with 2 "No's" from Lowell green and Andrew Laiosa and 1 "Abstention" from Tiffany Wheatland-Disu.



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#### H) Parks & Recreation

- 1) Barbara reported on the Committee meeting where the Parks Managers from CB7 and CB 5 were present.
- 2) The Committee requested to have a representative at Parks Committee meetings who could report on the upkeep of Devoe Park since the park is in CB 7 and is supervised by CB 5.
- 3) Chad Royer, who lives near the park, had 22 questions for the manager who has promised to attend future meetings.
- 4) The Committee voted for the bus tour to include Devoe Park, Harris Field and Fordham Landing.

#### I) Public Safety

- 1) There was no meeting held but Monique reported on the Public Safety Forum.
- 2) She also attended several housing events with a goal to develop outreach to as many housing complexes she can.
- 3) Her purpose is to see firsthand what the issues are around safety and the level of police presence there.

#### J) Senior Services

- 1) There was no meeting in April. At the next 2 meetings presentations will be made in May by Lisa Nicotra from MMCC and in June from Patricia Burlace, from Bedford Park Senior Center.

#### K) Traffic & Transportation

- 1) Edgar reported on the Bainbridge Avenue bus route changes.
- 2) He noted the Comptroller's ongoing study of the subway system.
- 3) He also reported on the Public Safety Forum at Our Lady of Refuge and the excellent media coverage.
- 4) One new item is the Community Partnership established by the 52nd precinct, whereby specified residents are "on call" with NCO's to open lines of communication with the neighborhood when required.
- 5) MTA will be at next meeting.

#### L) Veterans

- 1) Cole Hawkins gave a report on the upcoming Veterans Brunch. Carmen is seeking a guest speaker. Plans are being made for next year's event. A Gold Star family will be included for an honor. Volunteers are welcome.



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#### M) Ad Hoc

##### 1) By Laws

(a) There were 2 responses in the requests for comments on the By Laws. Voting on the finished product will take place at the June meeting.

##### 2) Website, Acknowledgement & Media

(a) Cole thanked all for the participation in the Women's Event. He reported a positive response from all who attended.

(b) Suggestions for bus site visits are requested with a deadline of April 24<sup>th</sup> to respond.

(c) The Newsletter needs articles and pictures.

(d) Paper to be distributed on bus tour.

#### VI) New Business

A) Lowell Green announced a tour of the Holocaust Museum at the Bronx HS of Science on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

1) Call her if interested.

#### VII) Adjournment at 8:45 pm.